include a dynamic pricing policy, rationalization of freight structure and goods tariff, review of passenger trains based on patronage, additional leasing of parcel space and extension of Passenger Reservation System (PRS)/Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS). Further, measures to control expenditure are also being adopted.

(c) There is no lack of funds for passenger amenity works and allocations for such works are being significantly enhanced every year.

Introduction of superfast and new trains

2084. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of superfast trains and new trains introduced during the period 1995—2005, year-wise;

(b) the number of staff as on 1st January, 1995 and 31st December, 2005, category-wise; and

(c) the number of locomotives as on 1st January, 1995 and 31st December, 2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The number of superfast trains and new trains viz. mail/express & passenger introduced during the period 1995-96 to 2004-05 is as under:—

(trains in single)

Year	Superfast	Mail/express and passenger
1995-96	14	161
1996-97	10	82
1997-98	10	156
1998-99	14	135
1999-2000	10	62
2000-01	12	87
2001-02	24	120
2002-03	44	144
2003-04	22	140
2004-05	32	72

(b) Category-wise details of staff are not maintained.

(c) The total number of electric locomotives as on 01.01.1995 & 31.12.2005 were 2316 and 3163 respectively whereas there were 4247 and 4953 diesel locomotives during 1994-95 & 2004-05 respectively.

Operation of container freight trains by private operators

2085. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent decision of his Ministry to 'throw open' the operation of container freight trains to private operators will result in substantial reduction in freight tariffs;

(b) if so, whether it would not adversely affect the working of Government Container Corporation and its operation would become loss making; and

(c) whether the additional investment of Rs. 2500 crores in creating more line capacity for the heavy traffic routes would be able to recover the invested amount in a foreseeable future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Electrification of railway routes in South Central Railway

2086. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given approval for electrification of any railway routes especially in the South Central Railway Zone;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the specific reasons for rejecting the approvals in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The details of approved/sanctioned railway routes for electrification in South Central Railway are as under:—